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SUBJECT: TRAVEL ALERT - TANZANIA

¶1. The State Department alerts American citizens to the possibility of election-related violence as Zanzibar begins to register voters for the upcoming general elections expected in October 2010. The Department recommends that U.S. citizens defer all non-essential travel to the northern island of Pemba of Zanzibar. This Travel Alert expires on December 20, 2009.

¶2. Since registration of voters began on the island of Pemba on July 6, 2009, there have been several reports of civil unrest. Past elections in Zanzibar have featured violence during the campaign season, the election, and especially in the days and weeks following the announcement of election results.

¶3. Government security forces have been augmented in northern Pemba Island, particularly in the districts of Wete and Micheweni. Voter registration on Pemba is expected to conclude on December 14, 2009. Voter registration on the larger island of Unguja (also referred to as "Zanzibar") is expected to begin in September and may carry with it similar political tensions.

¶4. American citizens resident or traveling in Zanzibar during this period are reminded to maintain a high level of security awareness at all times and avoid political rallies, demonstrations, and crowds of any kind. U.S. citizens should monitor the situation via media sources, including TV and radio and via the internet.

¶5. For the latest security information, Americans traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department's Internet website (<http://travel.state.gov>) where the current Travel Warnings and Public Announcements, including the World Wide Caution, can be

found. Up-to-date information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll free in the U.S. and Canada, or for callers outside the U.S. and Canada, a regular toll-line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00am to 8:00pm Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

¶6. Americans living or traveling in Tanzania are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration website, <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>, so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security within Tanzania. Americans without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy. By registering, American citizens make it easier for the Embassy to contact them in case of emergency. The Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in Tanzania can be contacted by telephone [255] (22) 266-8001 ext. 4122 and fax [255] (22) 266-8238. You may also contact the U.S. Embassy in Tanzania via email at [drsacs@state.gov](mailto:drsacs@state.gov). For after hour emergencies U.S. citizens should call [255] (22) 266-8001.

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